(c) and (d) The estimated cost for the development of 35 Non-Metro airports is about Rs. 5000 crores. The modernization process of these 35 Non-Metro airports is expected to be completed by March, 2010.

(e) Three airports namely, Aurangabad, Nagpur and Pune, taken up for modernization, are in Maharashtra.

Acquisiton of stake in airports by Air India

*129. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Air India is considering to acquire a stake in airports;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRJ PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

Floods in Bihar

†*130. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the situation of floods in different rivers in Bihar this year till date and the losses suffered due to it;

(b) the preparations made for safety and protection from flood and the amount incurred thereon; and

(c) the view of Government for permanent solution from flood in Bihar and the amount estimated to be incurred thereon along with the time period fixed therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) to (c) During the monsoon season of 2007, the rivers namely, Adhwara Group, Bagmati, Burhi Gandak, Gandak, Ganga, Ghaghra, Kamla Balan, Kosi, Mahananda and Punpun crossed the danger level at different places and inundated 21 districts in Bihar. Details of the rivers crossing the danger levelt as reported by Central Water Commission are given in the Statement *{See* below).

Central Water Commission has a network of 32 flood forecasting stations in Bihar to monitor the flood situation and issue flood forecast to State Government/Local Administration to take necessary measures for flood management and relief works.

As per the provisional estimates of Ministry of Home Affairst there has been a loss of the order of Rs 315.70 crore due to recent floods in Bihar and 247 persons have lost their lives.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Government of India has released Rs. 174.07 crore to Government of Bihar as first instalment of Calamity Relief Fund to undertake rescue and relief operations.

Permanent solution from flood in Bihar, as recommended by the Task Force on Flood Management/Erosion Control-2004, is possible through construction of storage reservoir schemes on the rivers flowing from Nepal. As most of these reservoir sites are situated in the Nepal territory these schemes can be implemented only with consent of Government of Nepal. As such no time frame and amount required for these schemes can be estimated at this stage.

Statement

Flood situation in Bihar during 2007 (till 16th August 2007)

SI. No	River	Station/CWC . Sites	State	Districts affected	High flood Flood duration		Moderate flood Flood duration	
					From	To	From	To
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Adhwara	(i) Ekmighat	Bihar	Darbhanga	01/08/07	04/08/07	29/07/07	16/08/07
	Group	00 Kamtaul	Bihar	Madhubani			24/07/07	10/08/07
2	Bagmati	(0 Hayaghat	Bihar	Darbhanga	01/08/07	02/08/07	29/07/07	16/08/07
		(ii) Benibad	Bihar	Muzaffarpur	29/07/07	08/08/07	24/07/07	16/08/07
3	Burhi-Gandak	(i) Muzaffarpur (Sikandarpur	Bihar	Muzaffarpur	31/07/07	07/08/07	27/07/07	12/08/07
		(ii) Samstipur	Bihar	Samastipur	02/08/07	07/0«/07	27/07/07	16/08/07
		(iii) Rossera	Bihar	Samastipur	02/08/07	03/08/07	26/07/07	16/08/07
		(iv) Lalbeghia-ghat	Bihar	Motihari/ Dhaka			25/07/07	07/08/07
		(v) Khagaria	Bihar	Khagaria			02/08/07	12/08/07
							15/08/07	16/08/07
4	Ganga	(i) Colgong/ Kahalgaon	Bihar	Bhagalpur			03/08/07	12/08/07
							16/08/07	
5	Gandak	(i) Chatia	Bihar	Motihari	01/08/07	02/08/07	29/07/07	04/08/07
		(ii) Rewaahat	Bihar	Muzaffarpur			01/08/07	01/08/07
6	Ghaghra	(0 Darauli	Bihar	Siwan/ Darauli			04/08/07	09/08/07
		(ii) Gangpur Siswan	Bihar	Siwan/Siwan			05/08/07	08/08/07
7	Kamla Balan	(i) Jhanjharpur	Bihar	Madhubani			26/07/07	01/08/07
8	Kosi	(i) Basua	Bihar	Supaul	27/07/07	28/07/07	22/07/07	01/08/07
		(ii) Baltara	Bihar	Khagaria			24/07/07	16/08/07
		(iii) Kursela	Bihar	Katihar			01/08/07	16/08/07

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9		Mahananda ghat (i)	Bihar	Purnia			25/07/07 16/08/07	04/08/07
		(ii) Jhawa	Bihar	Katihar			28/07/07 16/08/07	04/08/07
10	Punpun	(i) Sripalpur	Bihar	Patna			21/07/07 01/08/07	16/08/07

Note:-

1. High Flood Situation means that the river has crossed the danger level but water level is less than the previous Highest Flood Level (HFL) but within 0.50 m. of HFL.
2. Moderate Flood Situation means that water level is touching or exceeding the danger level; but below the High Flood Situation.

Task force on flood and erosion problem

*131. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2238 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th August, 2004 and state:

(a) whether the task force constituted in August, 2004 to look into the flood and erosion problem in Assam, Bihar, West Bengal and Eastern Uttar Pradesh has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has so far been taken by Government on the report?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Task Force submitted its report on 31.12.2004 to Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India. The major recommendations of the Task Force are as under:-

(i) Based on the information submitted by the concerned State Governments, the Task Force proposed a number of Flood Management schemes for flood affected States amounting to Rs. 4982.10 crore as detailed below:

(Rs. in crore)

Name of State(s)	Tentative cost of proposed works			
	Immediate measures	Short-term I measures	Short-term II measures	Total amount
1	2	3	4	5
Assam & neighbouring States	163.51	850.84	721.06	1735.41
West Bengal		602.85	956.54	1559.39
Bihar		396.90	663.17	1191.04